

Amendment under 37 CFR §1.116  
Attorney Docket No.: 062440  
Application No.: 10/577,916

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The listing of claims below replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended): A complex oxide having a composition represented by the formula  $\text{La}_v\text{M}^1_w\text{Ni}_x\text{M}^2_y\text{O}_z$ ; wherein  $\text{M}^1$  is at least one element selected from the group consisting of Na, K, Sr, Ca, Bi and Nd;  $\text{M}^2$  is at least one element selected from the group consisting of [[Ti,]] V, Cr, and Mn, ~~Fe~~, ~~and~~ Ce; and the subscripts are numbers which respectively satisfy  $0.5 \leq v \leq 1.2$ ;  $0 \leq w \leq 0.5$ ;  $0.5 \leq x \leq 1.2$ ;  $0.01 \leq y \leq 0.5$ ; and  $2.8 \leq z \leq 3.2$ , the complex oxide having a negative Seebeck coefficient at  $100^\circ\text{C}$  or higher.
2. (Currently Amended): A complex oxide having a composition represented by the formula  $\text{La}_v\text{M}^1_w\text{Ni}_x\text{M}^2_y\text{O}_z$ ; wherein  $\text{M}^1$  is at least one element selected from the group consisting of Na, K, Sr, Ca, Bi and Nd;  $\text{M}^2$  is at least one element selected from the group consisting of [[Ti,]] V, Cr, and Mn, ~~Fe~~, ~~and~~ Ce; and the subscripts are numbers which respectively satisfy  $0.5 \leq v \leq 1.2$ ;  $0 \leq w \leq 0.5$ ;  $0.5 \leq x \leq 1.2$ ;  $0.01 \leq y \leq 0.5$ ; and  $2.8 \leq z \leq 3.2$ , the complex oxide having an electrical resistivity of  $10 \text{ m}\Omega\text{cm}$  or less at  $100^\circ\text{C}$  or higher.
3. (Original): An n-type thermoelectric material comprising the complex oxide of Claim 1.
4. (Original): An n-type thermoelectric material comprising the complex oxide of

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Claim 2.

5. (Original): A thermoelectric module comprising the n-type thermoelectric material of

Claim 3.

6. (Original): A thermoelectric module comprising the n-type thermoelectric material of

Claim 4.